

# 4th of July Festival

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## 16,000 celebrate 4th of July, 5-day event safest



photo/PH2 Henry Caines

The AIMD float won the "Most Patriotic" float award during Saturday's Opening Ceremonies parade. NSGA's float took overall first place. More than 15 entries participated in the parade. See the special Fourth of July section starting on page 9.

Heather King Navarrete  
Rota Coastline

As the final remnants of the Fourth of July celebration are being cleaned up from the fairgrounds today, security officials are marking the fair as one of the safest on record.

"I had anticipated a few problems, but we only had a few minor incidents," said MA1 (SW/AW) Richard Whipple. The calm crowds were attributed to the base commander's "no hard liquor" policy and an attendance decline (16,000) compared to previous years.

"We didn't have any incidents because we weren't selling any hard-liquor," said MACS (SW) Francisco Garcia. "They enjoyed the Fourth without getting sloshed and acting stupid."

Although celebrants enjoyed a safe holiday, profits at command casetas were down compared to previous years. The Marine Corps' caseta suffered the biggest hit because the hard-liquor restrictions forced them to rely on command gear sales for revenue.

"I can definitely understand why the hard-liquor was banned," said Sgt. Jose Melendez, "but now we're going to have to figure out another way to raise money for our ball."

It also took longer for other casetas to break even this year. "It's slower this year," said AKC(AW/SW) Allan Limon, Fil-Am. President. "We didn't break even until Sun-

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## Planning underway for Navy Ball 2000

JOC Jon McMillan  
Rota Coastline

Organizers have already started planning for this year's Navy Ball celebration, even though the Ball won't be held until Oct. 13.

"This Navy Ball is being organized not just with the Sailors in mind, but with spouses in mind, too," said NCC(AW/SW) Ed Bastidas, Navy Ball chairman. "This is an event

we'd like to share with the entire community."

The Ball will be held at the El Cortijo bodega in El Puerto de Santa Maria – the location of last year's Navy Ball – and will feature the traditional ceremony and dinner, flamenco dancing, a DJ, and possibly an up-and-coming singer from the United States.

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## Voting Information workshop held

JOC Jon McMillan  
Rota Coastline

The Deputy Director and a Program Analyst from the Federal Voting Assistance Program in Washington D.C. were here last week to train the base's voting assistance officers. Fifteen command representatives attended one of the two 3-hour workshops provided.

The workshops were designed to give the base's voting assistance officers the information and tools needed to help people vote while stationed overseas.

"There are a lot of long term effects coming out in this year's election," said J. Scott Weidmann, deputy director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program. "We're here to make sure people are

aware they can vote, to encourage voting and to educate people on how to vote," he said.

Federal Voting Assistance Program teams have been travelling since January to spread that message, and Rota is one of the last overseas visits for this year. "We've talked to [voting assistance officers] on the phone, but nothing beats face-to-face interaction," said Weidmann.

Voting participation within the military has been higher than that in the private sector, and trends show military participation levels increasing. "The military is the defender of our right to vote," said Weidmann. "If anyone should be voting, it should be the military," he said.

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## WEATHER

This forecast was created on Tuesday. For the latest update, visit [nemoc.navy.mil](http://nemoc.navy.mil)

### TODAY

Partly Cloudy  
High: 81 Low: 67

### SATURDAY

Partly Cloudy  
High: 78 Low: 64

### FRIDAY

Sunny  
High: 80 Low: 66

### SUNDAY

Isolated Rain  
High: 78 Low: 64

## THIS WEEK



Check out the Summer Reading Program at the Base Library. The program runs through Aug. 18.

## Get help with absentee ballots

November 7, Election Day, is just four months away. That may seem like a long time, but voting officials recommend absentee voters request ballots 45 days in advance, even further in advance if they haven't yet registered to vote in their home district.

Officials with the Federal Voting Assistance Program have put information about absentee voting on the Internet at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov>. There you can also find out the toll-free voting assistance numbers in foreign countries, including Spain, which is 900-931912.

## Medical ECP program announced

Applications are being sought for the FY-01 Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECP). The MECP selection board will convene Dec 11.

Submit applications to Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-811), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN,

38055-8110, postmarked no later than October 1.

All supplemental information must be postmarked no later than November 1, and must be sent via the applicant's commanding officer. Check with NAVADMIN 160/00 and BUPERINST 1131.3A for all application procedures.

## Qualified enlisted Sailors sought for commissioning

Immediate commissioning opportunities exist for highly motivated and qualified enlisted personnel who meet OCS program eligibility requirements outlined in OPNAVINST 1120.2C and the Manual of Medical Department.

Submit applications to Commander, Navy Recruiting

Command (Code 31), 5722 Integrity Dr., Millington, TN, 38054-5057. It is highly recommended that commands send packages via a trackable method (FEDEX, UPS, or priority mail.

There are no deadlines for application submission. Application processing time varies from four to six weeks after receipt. Command Career counselors are encouraged to call or e-mail CNRC/Code 31 to ensure package receipt and status of pending applications.

Notification of selection status will be made via U.S. mail by Navy Recruiting Command to the applicant or applicant's CO/command representative.

Inquiries may be addressed to Navy Recruiting Command (Code 31) at (901) 874-9211/9213/9224/9225/ or DSN 882 or via e-mail at [Ocsquestions@cnrc.navy.mil](mailto:Ocsquestions@cnrc.navy.mil). Check NAVADMIN 161/00 for further application procedures.

## High Year Tenures Waivers encouraged

High Year Tenure (HYT) waiver requests for E4 through E6 petty officers are highly encouraged for experienced and motivated Sailors wishing to continue their naval careers, especially at sea and overseas duty stations.

Additionally, under certain circumstances, a HYT waiver can be granted for shore commands requiring critical NEC's or specialized skills. Interested Sailors should see their command career counselor or call their detailer.

## DOD Task Force Looks at Domestic Violence

Over the next three years, members of the DoD Task Force on Domestic Violence will visit bases and civilian communities throughout the military.

The 24 appointed members — half military and half civilian — held their first meeting in June to launch the project. "Domestic violence is contrary to our core values and it's something that we ought not tolerate," said Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klump, the Marine

Corps' deputy commandant for manpower and reserve affairs. Klump and Deborah D. Tucker, executive director of the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Austin, Texas, are the panel's co-chairs.

## Spring Dance Recital highlights local talent

Talented dancers from Naval Station, Rota, dazzled audiences with Jazz, Classical Ballet, Tap, and Scottish Highland Dancing on June 17 and 18 at the Spring Dance Recital 2000: A Celebration of Dance, in the DGF Multi-Purpose Room.

MWR and the Parents and Friends of Dance Alive sponsored the Spring Dance Recital, which was directed by Merissa Rojas.

The recital opened with a lively medley from the movie Grease featuring dancers shaking it to the beat of the 1950s.

Beginning ballet students, ranging in age from three years to six years, many who were making their stage debuts, awed audiences with graceful steps to "Someday My Prince Will Come," and the "Lion King."

The Spring Recital also fea-



Summer dance camp will be held July 11 to August 11.

tured three pieces of Scottish Highland Dancing, including a comical Scottish version of the Irish Jig. The Spring Recital concluded with funk-jazz moves to "Wild, Wild, West."

MWR's dance program welcomes students of all ages and levels.

Prospective adult students, parents interested in signing up their children for dance classes, or anyone interested in Summer Dance Camp from July 11 to August 11 should call Expeditions at ext. 2527.

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day night, but the crowd is having a good time."

The Hospital's caseta didn't make as much money as hoped either, but the members were pleased with the outcome. "A bigger profit would have been nice, but that's not the most important thing," said HMCM (SS) Brent Wood. "Last year we lacked support and comradery, so this is a rebuilding period to get the command back together."

"By the amount of people coming out to volunteer and to participate at our caseta, I can tell that we are off to a good start, and that is more important than any money we

could make," Wood said.

For others, the smaller crowds were an added benefit for families who were attending. "The noise level was lower this year and that made it more pleasant for the smaller kids," said CTA1 John McFall, who celebrated the Fourth at the fair with his family. "The set-up was also better because there were less casetas, which made it more open and created a more pleasant environment."

Pat Schweickert also attended the fair with her family. "We had a great time bringing the kids out," she said, "I think this year was more for the kids."

## VOTING WORKSHOP *continued from cover*

Command representatives should be contacting both military members and their family members who are eligible to vote to give them a registration and absentee ballot card.

"We'd like them to make a hand delivery to every person," said Sherri Morris-Ratcliffe, a program analyst with the Federal Voting

Assistance Program.

"They should be able to use the voting guide and let people know how they can vote," she said.

For a list of command voting representatives, see [www.rota.navy.mil/vote](http://www.rota.navy.mil/vote).

For further information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, see [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov).

## Volunteer bike mechanic needed

Expeditions needs a volunteer with experience in bicycle repair. Call Expeditions at ext. 2527 for more details.

## Jazz Musicians

Expeditions is looking for people with musical talent to get a jam session together. Call ext. 2527 for more information.

## New summer hours for MWR Marina

The MWR Marina hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. from now until September 3.

## Auto Hobby Shop offers skills class

The MWR Auto Hobby Shop has an experienced staff that will show you the basics of auto maintenance. To find out when the next class is scheduled, or to set up an appointment, call ext. 2268.

## Comment Line open

MWR now has a line open for your comments and suggestions. Call ext. 1522.

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## New NEMOC operations center opens

JO3 Ricky Allen  
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The Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Center held its opening ceremony for their new operations center last Thursday night.

"This will be better for watchstanders because there is more space to work, and there is more space to add computers to if needed," said Ensign Alan McNeil, the project coordinator.

The center will also allow watchstanders to communicate reports and forecasting more effec-

tively he said.

The two watchstations that will benefit from the center the most is Oceanography and Meteorology. According to Commander Greg Eisman, NEMOC's Executive Officer, this will improve their working environment.

"This will help formulate forecasts faster and everyone will be able to focus on the big picture. With the amount of space we now have, all personnel will be able to collaborate as a team on the forecasts and weather reports," he said.

The opening ceremony was

also a chance for families to get a look at the work area that their spouses will use.

"What we tried to do is give a chance for the families to get together, have a good time, and let them see the new equipment their spouses will be using very soon," said Capt. Robert Clark, the commanding officer of the Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Center. "It was a good idea because many families don't get a chance to actually see their spouses work environment due to security clearances."

## NCLC to celebrate 2 years of helping students reach goals

Catherine Bird and Tena Harris,  
NCLC Facilitators

The Navy College Learning Center has been very busy in the last two years helping students achieve their educational goals. Since the Learning Center opened in Rota in 1998, more than 300 students have used the free academic courses to prepare for college, military advancement, improve work skills, or just for personal development.

The NCLC offers more than 30 academic courses in English, math, sciences, social sciences and a variety of work skills courses to meet your educational needs. The Center is free to all active duty, retirees, reservists, civilians and all adult family members.

Recently, two students joined the Navy after using the Learning Center to prepare for the ASVAB test. One of these students, Patsy Barella, says "I wanted to study for my ASVAB and the Navy College Learning Center gave me exactly what I needed". After completing 11 courses in more than 130 hours of studying, Patsy scored very well and qualified for the jobs she wanted. She says, "I think that without these skills that I learned here I wouldn't have scored so well on the test." Patsy is very grateful that the NCLC was here to help her achieve her goals and advises others "don't let this great opportunity pass to use the NCLC."

David Dileo also began studying at NCLC to improve his skills with the goal of entering the Navy. David retook the ASVAB after studying for more than 40 hours and improved his score by 22 points. David says, "Thanks to the NCLC, I will be working on aircraft engines, like I always wanted".

We wish Patsy and David well as they begin their Navy careers! We know they will be successful because of all the hard work they have done here at the NCLC. Fair winds and following seas to the both of you!

If you would like to learn how the Navy College Learning Center can help you meet your goals, please join us on Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for our Open House. We will be giving course demonstrations as well as answering any specific questions you may have about getting started. Cake and refreshments will be served and promotional items will be available. We hope you can join us and help us celebrate our success!

The Navy College Learning Center is located in Building 52, next to the Snack Bar. Call ext. 3070 for more information.

## President names new ship class after Admiral Zumwalt

The President announced July 4 that the Navy will honor Navy Adm. Elmo R. "Bud" Zumwalt Jr., by naming its 21st Century Land Attack Destroyer (DD 21) after him. Zumwalt, who became the youngest man ever to serve as Chief of Naval Operations in 1970, passed away in Durham, N.C., on Jan. 2, 2000.

USS Zumwalt will be capable of delivering an un-

precedented level of offensive firepower from the sea. It will also be the first U.S. Navy ship to be powered and propelled by a fully integrated power system. The cruiser-sized Zumwalt will be manned by a crew approaching one hundred and will feature new habitability standards and shipboard amenities, including staterooms for the entire ship's company.

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# NMCB ONE supports U.S. Marines in Greece, participate in 'Dynamic Mix'

JO1(SCW) Drew Scharnhorst  
NMCB ONE Public Affairs

THESSALONIKI, Greece – No matter what, no matter where, no matter for whom, the U.S. Navy's Seabees are always ready to answer the call for support.

A small contingent of Seabees from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) ONE recently went to Greece in support

of Exercise DYNAMIC MIX '00. Two Seabees left April 30 from Rota, Spain, where "The First and The Finest" is deployed, to meet up with the rest of an Offload Preparation Party (OPP), who were already there. The other seven Seabees of the group arrived May 17.

Equipped with laptop computer and scanners, their mission was to inventory and account for every piece of heavy equipment – tanks, Humvees, five-ton trucks, large cargo containers, etc. – that the Marines needed for DYNAMIC MIX '00. Using handheld information scanners, the 'Bees worked closely with the Port Operation Group (POG) to load the data from the equipment onto the laptops. Then they bounced those numbers off the Marines' list to check for accuracy. This process was necessary to track the equipment's movement throughout the entire exercise.

The Seabees found the experience very much different from what they're accustomed to, but no less important.

"I learned that

the logistics side of this is very hectic, and that you as a scanner have to be sharp," said EO2 Richard Geary II, one of the Seabee inspectors.

"As equipment leaves an area you are responsible to let your direct supervisor know where it is located. You, as the scanner operator, are the eyes of the Commanding Officer."

"Reading the plans as to which equipment takes priority and then move to offload the ship in order as planned sounds like an easy job," CM3 Larry Turner recalled, "but not quite. It takes hours of hard work."

Seabees also aided the Marines by acting as assistant drivers during their convoy to Camp Assorus, 45 minutes north of the port. Once again, all the data was thoroughly scanned before entering the camp.

"The OPP was assigned to the PFC Eugene A. Obregon, a Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) cargo vessel, and fell under the command of Marines from the Second Marines Expeditionary Brigade, which make up the rest of the OPP team," said EOC(SCW) Jeffrey Couch.

"They were responsible for the preparation of all equipment that needed to disembark the vessel for the DYNAMIC MIX exercise."

Tasks included planning for the offload and subsequent onload of

equipment, and informing all personnel of their responsibilities during the evaluation.

Once the cargo ship pulled in, the Seabees had to quickly locate all the equipment, perform any routine maintenance necessary, and then remove the chains holding the vehicles to the ship's deck.

"When you have over 320 pieces to do, 120 personnel from mixed departments of the Marine Corps and Seabees, and an 18-hour goal to do it in," said Turner, "it makes for a long, hard day."

For the exercise, the U.S. Marine Second Expeditionary Brigade was made up of thousands of Marines, broken down into different commands throughout six different camps scattered around northern Greece in support of the multinational exercise.

"The Seabees among the Marines had an excellent rapport," Couch remembered. "Numerous times around the camp I heard Marines talking about their past experiences and the support the Seabees had given to the Marines, and how grateful they really are for having Seabees as part of their team during crises."

"Maj. Rudolph Webbers, the MPF Logistics Officer in charge of the OPP, said the Seabees did a superb job. He couldn't express his appreciation enough for having the Bees as part of his team."



photo/EOC(SCW) Jeffrey Couch

EOCN Gerald Hale checks the coded vehicle identification number on one of the Marines' trucks for Exercise DYNAMIC MIX '00.

## Internet connections, dot-com failures

I'm back in Spain and finally reconnected after having no Internet access for the last three weeks.

Even less than 100 miles from the heart of Silicon Valley, connecting to the Web was an ordeal. There are many Internet Service Providers (ISP's) located on the Monterey Peninsula; the listings filled two pages from the phone book.

However, instead of the \$6 per month that we pay in Rota the average cost is between \$14 and \$17 per month. I did manage to find one free ISP and that is sponsored by K-Mart [bluelight.com](http://bluelight.com).

I had to go to a local K-Mart to get their software and once loaded I connected using a free local access number.

The connection was slow (slower than my modem) and response times were worsened by a constantly moving banner advertisement that was always on the main screen of the browser.

There was no way to turn off the advertisements. Doing so automatically led to disconnection. The connection left much to be desired. I could not send email only receive it, and I couldn't check some web sites that required higher



levels of encryption. Trying to connect was a frustrating experience that occupied a lot of time with little to show for it.

While I was in California I did have an opportunity to interview the Vice President for Software development at BEA Systems.

Out of that interview came two hot news items. The first is that analysts are warning that by the end of next year 80% of the dot coms out there will be gone. The Internet will be left to the big money players like Lucent Technologies and ATT.

The second is that the novelty of having a dot com corporate name has worn off and hundreds of companies are beginning to drop all references to dot com from their literature, logos and advertising.

There is even a creeping stigma attached to being a dot com because

there is a perception that dot coms are temporary and fleeting ventures so businesses are attempting to show their intention of staying around by dropping the dot com label. Before, the dot com was an attractive banner that demonstrated a company's Internet savvy. Now the dot com seems to be a nuisance.

As hard as business failures are on the principles, many are applauding the deaths of so many Internet companies. The market place welcomes the long-term survival of businesses that actually produce something.

The disappearance of so many Internet entities will also free talented workers that will in some measure reduce the thousands of unfilled jobs.

One more item. Take advan-

*"Analysts are warning that by the end of next year 80% of the dot coms out there will be gone. ... The prediction is that Amazon will have to open storefront operations in order to survive."*

tage of Amazon.com while you can. Last week during one day's trading the stock price of Amazon declined \$8. Not only was that devastating to company shareholders, analysts don't see how the on-line bookseller can last. They have never made a profit and the book retailers that have both store fronts in the real world, and a solid Internet presence seem to be taking chunks out of Amazon's market share.

The prediction is that Amazon will have to open storefront operations in order to survive, but they may not be able to do it fast enough. We'll see.

That's all for now. Send any and all computer questions to [Questions@vista-sun-technology.com](mailto:Questions@vista-sun-technology.com). Happy computing!

## NAVY BALL

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"We've chosen the same place as last year because it is the best place we could find for what we want," said Bastidas.

**Navy Ball Logo Contest**  
What: Design a logo  
Theme: Sailing into the Millennium  
Deadline: Aug. 1  
Prize: Two free Navy Ball tickets  
POC: CT13 Bell, at ext. 1211

"[It] is one of the best restaurants in El Puerto. We're not trying to cut any corners," he added.

The Navy Ball committee is trying to raise enough money before the event to provide free tickets to as many junior enlisted members as possible, said Bastidas.

"We need to raise \$18,000 between now and October. This is going to be a major task," he said.

To meet that goal, each command has been assigned a certain amount of money it needs to raise, and many different fundraisers have been scheduled.

Car washes, lock-ups, bake sells, civilian clothes day chits and others are planned.

Volunteers are still needed to help the Navy Ball committee organize the event. People interested in volunteering should call CT13 Karina Bell at ext. 1211.

The committee is also looking for anyone interested in reenlisting at the Ball. Contact Bell at ext. 1211 for further details.

The theme for this year's Navy Ball is: "Sailing into the Millennium."

## Praise Picnic to be held July 30

Praise and worship teams are invited to participate in the Praise Picnic on July 30 at Victory Villa. It will be a time of praise and worship and a picnic all rolled into one. The picnic begins at 2 p.m., and the praise and worship will begin at 5:30 p.m. The first rehearsal for the praise and worship will be held July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Rota Assembly of God. Anyone interested in singing should contact Dennis Baird at 956-81-1499 or 956-82-1362, or you e-mail at [bairdd@hotmail.com](mailto:bairdd@hotmail.com).



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## EDUCATION BRIEFS

**Navy College Learning Center Hours**

The Navy College Learning Center is open Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Learning Center has a variety of free work skills and academic classes to meet your educational needs. Come in and see how we can help you prepare for college, as well as improve your job performance. Visit the NCLC in Bldg. 52 (PSD) or call ext. 3070 for more information today.

**Spouse Tuition Assistance Program**

Going back to school, but need a little help with the tuition costs? Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can help. The Spouse Tuition Assistance Program is sponsored by the Society to offer financial assistance to spouses of active-duty military members stationed overseas who are undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking students. Term 1 STAP appointments can be made starting July 17. Applicants will be seen from July 24 to August 11. Call the NMCRS office at ext. 1614.

**Attention UMUC Graduate Students**

UMUC is hosting an open-house for all new and current graduate students on Friday, July 14, in NAVLEAD, located next to Family Service Center, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. John Meinke, the coordinator for the Management Information Systems graduate program, will be available to answer questions regarding admission to either the MIS or the Public Administration program. He will also be advising current students. Stop by for refreshments and information about pursuing your graduate degree here in Spain. Call Tanya at ext. 2918 for more information.

**NLTU Courses Offered**

*Aug 8-11* Command Training Team Indoctrination Course  
*Aug 14-15* Command Managed Equal Opportunity (CMEQ)  
 CTTIC is required prior to attending CMEQ course. For a class quota, fax a memo to AKCS Layug at ext. 2510 or e-mail: layugr@navsta.rota.navy.mil.

**Safety at Gates**

Security and base officials want to remind everyone that maintaining your cool during demonstrations and protests at the gates is important for your safety. When you come to a blocked gate, while driving to work, don't provoke the demonstrators. Maintain your composure, be patient, and try to find an alternate route. Base leaders understand if people are a little late for work. Don't let losing your cool cause more problems than it's worth.

**On-Base Housing Reminders**

Residents and visitors of Las Flores Housing are asked not to park on the brick sidewalks. For Las Palmeras Housing, residents are reminded to close the awning at night, when you're not home, and during inclement weather. Residents are responsible for the care of the awnings.

**Aviation Ground School Course**

There's still time to sign up for the aviation ground school for aspiring aviators August 5 – 19 in Naples, Italy, hosted by the U.S. Navy League. The course is open to students aged 14 – 18, and top Navy and commercial pilots will serve as instructors. If interested in attending, contact Evaristo Fernandez at 956-85-7325 or e-mail: evafer@arrakis.es; or Lt.

Cmdr. (Ret.) Jim Brady at 956-48-2246 or e-mail: dmondj@hotmail.com.

**DECA Has "Best Value"**

The Defense Commissary Agency recently kicked off a "Best Value" program, which will help customers identify top quality items at the lowest possible price. Commissaries can only carry "name brands" or brands that are widely available across the U.S., and these may not always be the lowest price. DECA will focus on approximately 50 popular products in the most frequently purchased sizes. Shoppers should look for the "Best Value" sign, which signifies the lowest price for that brand item in any other commissary or local grocery store.

**NEX Accepts AAFES DPP Card**

Customers can now use their AAFES DPP card at the NEX in Rota and other bases worldwide. At this time however, the NEX will not be able to sign customers up for new DPP cards or take DPP card payments. These limitations will be corrected soon. Also, the card will not be accepted at these locations until later this year: NEX Gas Pumps; all NEX contracted shops, such as the NEX Rental Car, NEX Photo Shop, Flower Shop, Dry Cleaning and Tailor Shop, Barber and Beauty Shops; Air Ter-

minal Cafeteria, Dive Inn, Navy Lodge, Video Rental, Frame Shop, Appliance Repair and Spanish Souvenir Shop at the Main Exchange. Later this year the NEXCARD and DPP cards will be combined into one card called "Military Star Program," but until that time the DPP and NEX cards remain two independent programs. Call Jean Bignell at ext. 1056 with any questions.

**Tesoros de Espana Tapestry Throw Sold Out**

The American Red Cross would like to inform the community that the Tesoros de Espana tapestry throw sold out for the month of June. They will accept orders for the next 100 throws now until July 15. Prepayment of \$48 is due when the order is placed. Call ext. 2333 for more information.

**Red Cross Courses**

The American Red Cross is offering the following courses: Infant and Child CPR course July 11 from 4 – 8 p.m. Cost for the course is \$32.00; and Water Safety Instructor course July 22 – 23 and July 29 – 31, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. The cost for the course is \$80. Register for either course at the ARC office located in the PSD building, #52, or call ext. 2333 for more information.  
 Send your Community News and Information submission to: coastline@navsta.rota.navy.mil

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## MEETINGS

**Base Private Organizations Meeting**

All base private organizations are required to attend a meeting Monday, July 10, at 2 p.m. at Reflections. The meeting will be an opportunity for the private organizations to provide input on the new private organization instruction and discuss any issues they may have. The base executive officer, Cmdr. Buckles, will chair the meeting, and the Staff Judge Advocate, MWR Director and NAVSTA Command Master Chief will be there to assist in answering questions. The meeting is mandatory for all presidents and vice presidents of private organizations on base. If you've got any questions, please call MWR at ext. 1516.

**Joint Advisory Board**

The Joint Advisory Board (JAB) meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:15 a.m. at the Chapel. Come hear from base officials, including PSD, Commissary, NEX, MWR, Security, NMCRS, Supply, Housing, NMC, and DGF. The next JAB is July 20.

**VQ-2 Enlisted Spouses' Club**

The summer schedule for meetings is as follows: July 18 and August 22 at the Housing Pool from 8 to 10 p.m. Bring the kids and enjoy the company of other VQ-2 families. All spouses of enlisted active duty members stationed with VQ-2 are eligible for membership. For more information, contact Chris at ext. 4422, Laura at ext. 4344, or Sara at ext. 4726.

**Rota First Class Association**

Announcing the formation of the Rota First Class Association. The association's goal is to promote teamwork, cooperation, education, community service and social interaction. We are currently signing up new members and offer an invitation to join us. Membership is open to all interested COMNAVACTS E6 Petty Officers and NCOs. Our next meeting will be held today at 1 p.m. in Reflections. For further information contact ABH1 Murray at ext. 2522 or AC1 Davis at ext. 2981 or ask your command/departement representative.

**Vacation Bible School**

Welcome to *VeggieTown, USA!* The Naval Station, Rota, chapel will host Bob and Larry and the rest of the *VeggieTale* gang during our annual Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be held August 7-11 at DGF Elementary School and promises to be an exciting experience. VBS requires many volunteers in order to provide a successful and enriching program. Don't be a couch potato, come on out and join the rest of the *VeggieTale* cornucopia of volunteers. Call Valerie Sasso or Cindy Henderson at the chapel, ext. 2161 to volunteer your talents, or sign up in the Chapel Narthex before or after worship services. Student registration will be held throughout July.

**Methodist****Confirmation Training**

Training will be held during the weeks of July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> for youth entering the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> grades. For information and/or registration please contact Chaplain Taylor at ext. 3561/3640.

**PWOC Pool Party**

The PWOC is having a Pool Party and Potluck on Monday, July 17 from 7-10 p.m. at the home of Milagros Gross. Please bring a dish to share and meet at the Fuentabrvia Gate to leave at 6:45 p.m. For more information contact Crystal Rosander at 956-48-1450.

**Missionary to visit Rota Chapel Sunday**

Dr. Gary Maxey, missionary to Africa and Provost of Wesley International Theological Seminary (WITS) in Nigeria will be speaking at the 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Protestant services this Sunday.

Dr. Maxey will discuss "The End-time Harvest" in the 10:30 a.m. service and "The Church In Africa" at 1:30 p.m. A tapa party will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Hall.

Everyone is invited to bring a favorite tapa or snack and listen as Dr. Maxey discusses the importance of theological education in Africa and the strategic role of WITS in meeting this need.

WITS has an aggressive program of outreach and education. Come learn more about this ministry this Sunday!

**Sharpening your saw...**

In the best seller *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen R. Covey tells a story many of us can relate to:

"What are you doing?" you ask.

"Can't you see?" comes the impatient reply. "I'm sawing down this tree."

"You look exhausted! How long have you been at it?" you say.

"Over five hours," he returns, "and I'm beat! This is hard work."

"Well, why don't you take a break for a few minutes and sharpen that saw?" you inquire. "I'm sure it would go a lot faster."

"I don't have time to sharpen the saw," the man says emphatically. "I'm too busy sawing!"

Is Covey's story one in which you can relate? You're working harder than ever to get the same things done which use to take a whole lot less effort. You're doing more and getting less, pushing harder but moving slower. You're so frustrated you sometimes wonder how much longer you can saw on the same old tree. Maybe it's time to sharpen your saw! I know. You don't have the time for that either but every little bit helps. There are a variety of things you can do to sharpen your saw. One area that helps greatly is sharpening your spiritual saw. Time spent in prayer, reading Scripture, and attending worship services rejuvenates your blades in an extraordinary way. This week try to take some time and sharpen your saw. You'll be so glad you did!

**Listen to Chapline every weekday at 7:05 a.m. and 4:05 p.m. on Hot 102.5 FM! If you have a suggestion, comment or good story for Chapline email it to [Chaplines@excite.com](mailto:Chaplines@excite.com)**



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## Today

July 6

**Sevilla Shopping Trip**—ITT makes it easy for you and your shopping needs. Sightsee and 'shop till you drop' on a one day excursion to one of Spain's most beautiful cities. Price is \$20 per person and the trip goes from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. Call x3101 for more information.

**Nautilus Orientation**...The Fitness Center is providing orientation classes on their equipment from 9:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. If you can not make this one there will be 2 more classes held in July. Call x2565 for more information.

**Canyon Hike Tour**—Outdoor adventurers sign up now for this one-day trek in the Parque Natural de Sierra de Grazalema near Algodonales. Deadline for sign up is today July 6<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$25 per person. Trip will be on Sunday July 9, 2000 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Call x2527 for more information.

**Sail the Bay of Cadiz**—Explore Spain's famous Bay of Cadiz with the MWR Marina. Sail for 3 hours on a 22' Capri for \$10 per person. Leave at 1 p.m. and return at 4 p.m. Your insurance, safety equipment, and refreshments are included. Call x2497 for the details.

**La Cartuja Horse Farm Trip**—Join Liberty and tour the farm, harness room and stables. Enjoy a horse show and feast on the cuisine of Jerez for a lunch. Deadline for sign up is today, 6 July 2000 and

the trip is on 8 July from 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. Call x2527 for the details.

## Friday

July 7

**Portugal Shopping Trip**—Take a trip with ITT and sightsee, shop, and explore Portugal, Spain's neighbor. For \$45 per person you can get a fun-filled day and come back home with a bag full of goodies. Call x3101 for information.

**Youth Basketball Sign-up Extensions**—MWR Youth Activities has extended the deadline for sign-up to play basketball this summer. That deadline is today. Skills assessment has been rescheduled for 8 July from 10:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is for all ages. Call x2382 for the details.

**Pizza & Bunko Night**—MWR Jams has a fun evening planned for the kids, from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. they will eat pizza and "Bunko" for the evening. Call x4252 for information.

**Free Salsa, Merengue, and Batcha Lessons**...Slide on over to Champions and get on the Latin craze that is hitting the world. Learn the latest dances at your own pace! So be there at 7 p.m. and start moving your feet and hips.

## Saturday

July 8

**Karaoke Contest**...at Reflections tonight. Sing your way into some cash. Call ext. 2851 for more info.

**Night Bowling**—MWR Jams is providing this little trip to the MWR Rota Lanes for ages 6-12 from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Meet at Jams and bowl the night away or in this case watch your kids bowl a game or two. Call x4252 for more information.

**Crafts show**—Local Spanish artists and craftmakers display their art at Playa la Barrosa at Novo Sancti Petri. The show is from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Take NIV towards Chiclana/Algeciras and take Novo Sancti Petri/Playa la Barrosa exit. Show is located across from park, at southern entrance to beach.

## Sunday

July 9

**Red Pin All Day**—MWR Rota Lanes invites you to try to knock down the red pin when it is the head pin and get yourself a free game. This is all day long and kids get to bowl for \$.75 cents a game all month long. Call x2112.

## Monday

July 10

**Swim Lessons Session III Registration**—The MWR Aquatics Center is holding registration for swim classes, which are being held from July 17-27. Registrations are today July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Call x2129 for details.

**Airondack Chair Class**—The MWR Wood Hobby Shop is hold-

ing a class on building a chair that will last you a long time. The classes are being held for two days, from July 10<sup>th</sup> until the 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Call x2284 for information

## Tuesday

July 11

**Sanlucar Gypsy Market Trip**—Take a trip down with MWR Liberty and visit the Sanlucar Gypsy market, shop downtown and enjoy lunch at an outdoor café! Call x2527

**Gibraltar Shopping Trip**—Join ITT on a shopping spree in Gibraltar. The trip is \$20 per person, so bring some cash to spend. Call x3101 or x1560 for more information.

**Nautilus Orientation**—The Fitness Center is providing orientation classes on their equipment from 11:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. If you can not make this one there will be 1 more class held on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Call x2565 for more information.

**AguaSherry Water Park Trip**—MWR Youth activities is ready to take your young to a fun-filled day at the local water slide park. The trip will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and all kids ages 9-12 are welcome to attend. Call x4252 for more about it.

*Got something for 8 Days? If it's something someone can DO, let us know! Call us at 3786.*

## Wednesday

July 12

**Sevilla Historical Trip**—Now if you've missed the trip in the past, do not fret. ITT is conducting this excursion to the capital with a historical flare. So if you're a history connoisseur join ITT for \$40 and get an experience of a lifetime. Call x3101 for the details.

**Parent/Child Swim Lessons**—MWR Aquatics is inviting parents to join their children in the water. Parents can participate in water activities and help prepare their young ones for level I swim classes. Ages 3-4 are welcome. The classes are going to be held from July 12<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> on all Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. call x2129 for more details.

**Pizza Villa**—Go down to Pizza Villa and grab yourself a pie after work, or the movies. Enjoy great food in a great atmosphere.

## Thursday

July 13

**Ubrique Shopping Trip**—ITT makes it easy for you and your shopping needs. Sightsee and 'shop till you drop' on a one day excursion to one of Spain's most beautiful cities. Price is \$20 per person and the trip goes from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. Call x3101 for more information.

Visit the MWR web page at [www.rotamwr.com](http://www.rotamwr.com).

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## Celebrating the Fourth of July Rota Style

**R**ides, food, cotton candy, a patriotic parade, live bands and a fireworks show were just some of the things this year's Fourth of July festival offered. The event brought in more than 16,000 people – noticeably less people than last year – and is being classified as the 'family Fourth of July.'

"The crowds are a lot smaller than last year, but everyone who has come out has had a really, really good time," said CTC Karen Beadle, event chairperson. The fun began Friday when the command and department casetas opened for business. Reports from the casetas say business was slower than past years, but steady.

Perhaps one of the most spectacular sights at the festival and at Saturday's parade wasn't a float, a ride or crazy costume – but rather the flying of the American flag. Because the Naval Base is not an American base, our flag does not fly here and the only time of year we can fly 'Old Glory' is during the Fourth of July festival.

"It's the only time we can fly the flag and we need to take advantage of that. It's the only weekend that I can put the flag on my back and display it with pride," said HN Ransford Asirifi.

Another spectacular sight at the event was watching the caseta volunteers work to make the event fun and enjoyable. Many people spent their entire holiday working at their command caseta.



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"This is the first command that I've belonged to that pulled together like this to put on something this big. It really gives a good impression to someone who has just arrived here. It's nice to know that we're coming into something like this," said HM2 Martin Renteria.

The American 'feria,' held each year for the Fourth of July, brings together the entire American and Spanish community. The following Rota Coastline Scrapbook are some snapshots of the five-day event. Enjoy!

The Fourth of July Committee proudly thanks our sponsors for helping us make this year's celebration great!

 **Interjet**

**4th of July Festival**

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## Overheard



*"This is the only weekend that I can put the flag on my back and display it with pride." – Ransford Asirifi*



*"I enjoyed riding the rides but I liked watching them, too, because a lot of the people looked stupid." – Brandy Dozier, 11<sup>th</sup> grade*



*"I liked the bumper cars because I liked bashing into people." – Hugo Melchor, 7<sup>th</sup> grade*



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*This year's Fourth of July celebration seemed to offer something for everyone. One of the 'entertainment' acts was a martial arts display.*

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*Ricardo Negrón*  
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More than  
16,000  
people  
attended this  
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## Overheard

"My favorite ride was the 'Pirate Ship' because it went up high. I also liked the 'Master' because it went up and down." – Brittani Roberts, 7<sup>th</sup> grade



"The 'Pirate Ship' was my favorite ride because it rocked so much." – Michael Klain, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



"There was good food. I liked how the community came together to celebrate the holiday that means a lot to us. The comradery amongst everyone made the festivities a great enviornment to be involved in." – Michael Monroy



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## Overheard



*"The group, 'Deep End,' was really cool. It made us all hyper. They let us jump around on the stage and they played our kind of music. They also gave us free CDs."  
— Brent Gaylord, 11<sup>th</sup> grade*



*"My favorite part of the fair was the 'Pirate Ship' because I liked how it went up and down and I liked jumping in the cages."  
— Vanessa Tuck, 5<sup>th</sup> grade*



*"I liked being in the dunk tank because I was seen and I got to make fun of people."  
— Andy Nowacki, 11<sup>th</sup> grade*



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*Just like a county fair in the States, kids were treated to a host of activities, games and rides.*

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categories.



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## Overheard

"This celebration is important because it reinforces pride in our country and it shows the other country that we're patriotic." – Martin Renteria



"My favorite thing was the roller coaster because it turned like this and it turned like that." – Austen Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> grade



"The fair is good because it gets everyone together to celebrate the Fourth since there is no place out in town to celebrate." – William Hudgins



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## President's Independence Day message

On the Fourth of July in 1776, many of the greatest heroes of our early history risked their lives to put their names at the bottom of the Declaration of Independence.

Yet, George Washington's name is not among them; he was not in Philadelphia. Instead, he was in New York with the Continental Army, preparing his troops to defend the new nation against the largest expeditionary force ever launched by the British Empire.

George Washington knew the survival of our country depended on our ability to defend it. More than two centuries later, America continues to rely on the bravery of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

This Fourth of July, our men and women in uniform stand guard on the frontiers of freedom, ready to mobilize in a minute to defend the interests and ideals of America.

So today, as we commemorate the start of the world's most successful experiment in self-government, we must recognize our success is inseparable from the bravery and service of those in uniform.

As Commander-in-Chief, I honor your courage, your service and your sacrifice. And I thank you for safeguarding what we celebrate this Fourth of July. May God bless America. And may God bless the men and women who defend our freedom.

Bill Clinton



*A joint, multi-national color guard renders colors during the festival's Opening Ceremony Saturday.*

## CJCS's Independence Day message

On July 4, 1776, the 13 American colonies declared their independence. The first Patriots, with diverse backgrounds, representing different regions and interests, were united in their quest for freedom and their willingness to fight for liberty.

Despite the considerable risk of almost certain defeat at the hands of the greatest land and sea power of that age, they ultimately triumphed and a new, independent United States of America emerged.

At sea, on land, and in the air, whether during peace or war, the men and women of America's Armed Forces have continued to ensure the sacrifices of our forefathers and others who followed

them were not made in vain.

The backgrounds of the individuals in today's Armed Forces are even more diverse than those of our predecessors — yet we all continue to unite behind the same ideals and values that guided this Nation to independence over 200 years ago.

Today, on the first Independence Day of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, you — America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen — are America's new Patriots, linked in spirit to the generations of fighting men and women of our Nation's great history.

Around a troubled world, you deter our foes, protect our friends,

and keep the peace.

Despite enormous danger, personal sacrifice, and lengthy separation from family and friends, it is your indomitable spirit and steadfast willingness to serve that define America and manifest its ideals, both at home and abroad. On this Independence Day, America honors you and all those who preceded you.

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thank you for all you do in the defense of our great Nation — on this — America's birthday.

Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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SUNDAY DOMINGO	MONDAY LUNES	TUESDAY MARTES	WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES	THURSDAY JUEVES	FRIDAY VIERNES	SATURDAY SÁBADO
<b>JULY / JULIO</b> National Recreation & Parks Month  <b>AUGUST / AGOSTO</b> Bullfighting Season Begins				<b>6</b> Sponsor Training at NFSC, 9:30 - 11 a.m., call 3232  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Sevilla Shopping, Cost is \$20. Call 3101  <b>Active Parenting</b> at NFSC, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232  <b>Rota First Class Association meets</b> , 1 p.m., Reflections, call 2522	<b>7</b> AMC Globemaster Softball Tournament (July 7 - 9) , call 2343  <b>Navy College Learning Center Open House</b> , 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  <b>VQ-2 Change of Command Ceremony</b> , 10 a.m., VQ-2 Hangar  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Portugal Shopping Trip, Cost is \$45. Call 3101	<b>8</b> Check out the Summer Reading Program at the Library, now until Aug. 18, call 2418  <b>Youth Basketball Skills Assessment</b> , call 2382
<b>9</b>  <b>Missionary Gary Maxey</b> at Chapel, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., call 2161	<b>10</b>  <b>Base Private Organizations meet</b> , 2 p.m., Reflections, call 1516  <b>Need a support group?</b> Call NFSC at 3232 to find out how	<b>11</b>  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Gibraltar Shopping Trip, Cost is \$20. Call 3101  <b>Infant &amp; Child CPR</b> course by Red Cross, 4 - 8 p.m., call 2333  <b>Parent Support Group</b> at NFSC, 5:15 - 7 p.m., call 3232	<b>12</b>  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Sevilla Historical, Cost is \$40. Call 3101  <b>Parents &amp; Tots</b> at NFSC, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., call 3232	<b>13</b>  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Ubrique Leather Shopping Trip, Cost is \$20. Call 3101  <b>Active Parenting</b> at NFSC, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232	<b>14</b>  <b>Marine Corps Security Force Change of Command Ceremony</b> , 11 a.m.  <b>Bastille Day</b> (Anniversary of French Revolution in 1789)	<b>15</b>  <b>Rota Swim Club Open House</b> , Housing Pool, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 2598 or check out <a href="http://www.sites.netscape.net/rotaswim">http://www.sites.netscape.net/rotaswim</a>
<b>16</b>  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Gibraltar Rock & Dolphin Cruise, Cost is \$55. Call 3101	<b>17</b> DACOWITS Visit to Rota  <b>PWOC Pool Party</b> , 7 - 10 p.m., call 956-48-1450  <b>Methodist Confirmation Class</b> , Chapel, 10 - 11:30 a.m., this week, call 2161	<b>18</b>  <b>VQ-2 Enlisted Spouses Club meets</b> , 8 - 10 p.m., Housing Pool, call 4422.  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Jerez Horse Show, Bodega & Bullfighters museum. Cost is \$37. Call 3101	<b>19</b>  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Medina Sodonía, Cost is \$25. Call 3101  <b>Parents &amp; Tots</b> at NFSC, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., call 3232	<b>20</b> First Moon Landing, 1969  <b>Joint Advisory Board</b> meets, 9:15 a.m., Chapel, call 1680  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Cadiz Historical, Cost is \$25. Call 3101  <b>Smooth Move</b> at NFSC, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., call 3232	<b>21</b> Softball Tourney, July 21 - 23, call 1573  <b>5K Run</b> , call 1573  <b>Davis Cup Tennis</b> in Santander, Spain, call 3101  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Evening Bodega and Flamenco Show, Cost is \$45. Call 3101	<b>22</b>  <b>British Open "Pick-a-Pro" Golf Tourney</b> , 10 a.m., call 2260  <b>Water Safety Instructor course</b> by Red Cross, (July 22 - 23), 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., call 2333
<b>23</b>  <b>Teach your kids to read with the Summer Reading Program</b> at the Library, now until Aug. 18, call 2418	<b>24</b>  <b>Need some help with tuition? Check out the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program</b> , call NMCRS at 1614	<b>25</b> <b>ITT Trip</b> , Gibraltar Shopping Trip, Cost is \$20. Call 3101  <b>Pre-Natal Support Group</b> meets at NFSC, 5 p.m., call 3232  <b>Men's Bible Study</b> meets every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Chapel, call 2161	<b>26</b>  <b>Parents &amp; Tots</b> at NFSC, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., call 3232  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Sevilla Historical, Cost is \$40. Call 3101	<b>27</b> Korean War Armistice (1953)  <b>Protestant Women of the Chapel</b> meets Thursdays for Bible Study, 10 a.m., Sea View Pines, call 2161  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Ronda, Cost is \$25, Call 3101	<b>28</b> Brown Bag with Baby at NFSC, 10 - 11:30 a.m., call 3232  <b>Applying for Federal Employment</b> (at NFSC), 9 - 11 a.m., call 3232  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Arcos Historical, Cost is \$25, Call 3101	<b>29</b> Triathlon 2000, Captain's Cup Event, 8 a.m., call 2563  <b>Water Safety Instructor course</b> by Red Cross, (July 29 - 30), 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., call 2333  <b>ITT Trip</b> , Marbella Outdoor Adventure, Call 3101
<b>30</b>  <b>Want to find out all Spain has to offer?</b> Call ITT at 3101 for all the details!	<b>31</b>  <b>Tune into HOT 102.5 FM</b> for base news and information	<b>1</b>  <b>Men's Bible Study</b> meets every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Chapel, call 2161	<b>2</b>  <b>Persian Gulf War begins</b> (1990)  <b>Parents &amp; Tots</b> at NFSC, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., call 3232	<b>3</b>  <b>PWOC</b> meets Thursdays for Bible Study, 10 a.m., Sea View Pines, call 2161  <b>Check out the "Coastline" online at</b> <a href="http://www.rota.navy.mil">http://www.rota.navy.mil</a>	<b>4</b>  <b>210th Anniversary of U.S. Coast Guard</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Vietnam War begins</b> (1964)  <b>Check out DECA's "Best Value" program</b> at the Rota Commissary

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## GATEWAY AUDITORIUM

**Today**

3 p.m. Held Up (PG-13)  
 6 p.m. Mission Impossible 2 (PG-13)  
 8:30 p.m. Where The Heart Is (PG-13)

**Friday**

3 p.m. Love & Basketball (PG-13)  
 7 p.m. Held Up (PG-13)  
 9:30 p.m. Where The Heart Is (PG-13)  
 Midnight: Frequency (PG-13)

**Saturday**

3 p.m. Road To El Dorado (PG)  
 7 p.m. Screwed (PG-13)  
 9:30 p.m. Me, Myself, and Irene (R)  
 Midnight: Gladiator (R)

**Sunday**

3 p.m. Screwed (PG-13)  
 6 p.m. Me, Myself, and Irene (R)  
 8:30 p.m. Gladiator (R)

**Monday**

6 p.m. Gladiator (R)  
 9 p.m. Me, Myself, and Irene (R)

**Tuesday**

3 p.m. Road To El Dorado (PG)  
 6 p.m. Screwed (PG-13)  
 8:30 p.m. Me, Myself, and Irene (R)

**Wednesday**

3 p.m. Screwed (PG-13)  
 6 p.m. Me, Myself, and Irene (R)  
 8:30 p.m. Gladiator (R)

**Thursday**

3 p.m. Held Up (PG-13)  
 6 p.m. Road To El Dorado (PG)  
 8:30 p.m. Screwed (PG-13)



**G** – General Audiences, All ages admitted  
**PG** – Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children  
**PG-13** – Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13  
**R** – Restricted, Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

**MORRIS**  
 Motion Picture Association of America

*All MWR movies are free, all the time.*

Friday – Gladiator (R)  
 Saturday – Flintstones in Rock Vegas (PG)  
 Sunday – Where The Heart Is (PG-13)

Drive-in movies begin around 10:30 p.m.

**Me, Myself, And Irene** (R-for sexual content, crude humor, strong language, and some violence) Comedy; Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger (117 min) Charlie is a Rhode Island state trooper with multiple personality disorder. One personality is crazy and aggressive, the other is friendly and laid back. Both fall in love with Irene after he loses his medication.

**Held Up** (PG-13-for language and mild violence) Comedy; Jamie Foxx, Nia Long (91 min) Mike Dawson is having one of those days. Dumped by his girlfriend, stuck in the middle of nowhere, and his vintage sports car stolen by a fourteen year old. Things go from bad to worse when he finds himself in the middle of a holdup attempt by a robber who can't seem to do anything right and might get them all killed.

**Where The Heart Is** (PG-13-for language) Drama; Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd (118 min) A pregnant 17 year old, abandoned by her boyfriend in an Oklahoma Wal-Mart, secretly lives inside the store for six weeks until her daughter is born. Now, she must try to build a life for herself and her daughter with the help of the town's eccentric but kindly strangers.

**Frequency** (PG-13-for intense violence and disturbing images) Science Fiction, Thriller; Dennis Quaid, Andre Braugher (117 min) Ever since he was a kid, John Sullivan dreamed of being able to stop the tragedy, an out of control fire, that took his father's life, who was a heroic firefighter. During the effects of the Aurora Borealis, he starts a conversation with a man on an old radio, only to find out it is his own father three decades earlier.

MWR's Movie Information Line extension is 2624.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## AUTOS

**1977 CORVETTE L-82:** T-Top, PS, PB, PW, Great condition, \$10,500. Call Glen at 956-82-6198.

**1993 FORD TEMPO:** Under 44,000 miles excellent condition 12 disk CD changer regular maintenance done must see \$4,500 obo contact IT2 Duncan (h) 686-26-8101.

**1989 FORD FIESTA:** Two door hatchback am/fm cassette new muffler may 00, very reliable itv may 2001 asking 1,000 obo. Call Henry or Marlan @ 956-82-2322 or inrota@hotmail.com

**1989 CITROEN** 4-door, 5-speed, runs great, power locks, windows, steering and brakes full maintenance history \$2,100; 365,000 pts or best offer posing early jul 2000 brian at x2852 or x2928 or 600-260-503

**1990 OPEL CORSA,** 4dr, 5spd, good 2nd car. Motor recently repaired. Current ITV. \$1,750. Contact Bob 956-840615.

**HARLEY DAVIDSON** 883, 20 liter gas tank and many extras. 1,190,000 pesetas. Call Santy at 639-107335 or Inma at 956-860805.

## FOR SALE

**DINING SET:** Table has 2 leafs, 4 chairs, 2 arm chairs, glass china cabinet w/3 mirrors price \$800. All in very good condition. Call misako, roger at 956-37-1888

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS:** Pioneer 135Wx4 \$175 slow cooker \$15 fish aquarium w/accessories \$20 Beige Loveseat, very comfortable \$50 contact casey @ 956-87-5445

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS:** 6,000 BTU A/C \$250.00 men's huffy stalker 100.00, girl's bike \$30.2 gal. Aquarium w/filter and light, toys girl's clothes call Cathy 4972 NSGA

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS:** Baby Gym \$25

walker \$5, Toddler desk \$10, head board \$5, two cats free to a good home! ll supplies included call after noon X 4305.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS:** 4 in 1 stroller \$70 entertainment center \$50 computer desk \$30 3 drawer captain's bed \$50 Stereo system \$80 Desk \$10 call after noon 4305.

**COLONIAL STYLE DINING ROOM SET:** Dark wood, 4 padded chairs, 2 padded captain's chairs, oval table with 2 leaves, buffet with hutch with interior lights. Good condition. Asking \$950 OBO must sell! Call Barb or Bob at 956-81-4262 or x3440

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS:** SHARP 19" TV, used primarily for Nintendo off base, works great. Available after 5 Aug. Asking \$100. PANASONIC VCR, available after 5 Aug. Asking \$100 or \$150 for both the TV & VCR. Call Barb or Bob at 956-81-4262 or x3440.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS:** Medium Gray 12x9 carpet, excellent condition \$50 Computer desk, Tan color good condition \$40 call 4693.

Sofa sleeper \$175 Wooden kitchen table with two chairs \$125.00 Wrought Iron Table with six chairs green granite top \$1,300.00 Book case toy chest \$15 Ladies bike, \$60 braided rug, 9x12 \$60, obo hooked on phonics \$150 obo, a beka books for homeschoolers price varies call 4816.

**BUTANO HEATER WITH BOTTLE:** excellent condition \$60; Golf clubs: full set: 3-SW and fairway wood. Excellent condition for \$100; Call 1079 or 956-81-4382 or email aspen1@teleline.es.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Day Care for children:** (0 thru 6 years old) In a home environment by qualified person. 9-2 p.m. or 9-5 p.m. or by the hour. (Starting this Summer) Location: El Manantial. Phone 655675682. P.S Give your child the opportunity to learn

Spanish.

**Need a break?** 1 or 2 day, a week, a month? Come to Torremolinos. Studios, 1 and 3 bedroom apartments. For rent. Swimming pool. 10 minutes walk to town center and beach. [RaySpain22@hotmail.com](mailto:RaySpain22@hotmail.com) or 952-051523

**Rota Animal Welfare League.** Check out their new web site at [www.rawl.org](http://www.rawl.org)

**Summer Jazz Guitar Courses.** If you are interested in learning how to play JAZZ, call DJ at 956-81-3746 or leave a message. Any instrument, any level, English/Spanish spoken.

**Traveling to Holland?** Two museum passes, good for most museums in Holland until May 19th 2001 for sale. Original price 55 guilders each (approx. \$23). Both for \$25. Call Karen at 956-542997 or 607-564132.

**What is Toastmasters?** Curiosity didn't kill the cat, it just learned how to speak better! Meetings every Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m. NFSC-ICR Room. Walk-ins are applauded. More info? Call Sherry 965 84 13 30 or Jackie 956 81 60 18

**T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly),** a weight loss support group, meets Monday evenings in the Family Practice Clinic. Weigh in is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and the meeting is held from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. Call Suzanne for details 956-84-0902 or e-mail at [suzadale@arconet.es](mailto:suzadale@arconet.es)

**Intensive Spanish Courses:** All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-871926.

**For sale:** Complete drum set with cymbals. Call Tony @ 607-600049.

Household/Multi-family yard sale July 8, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1012 Malaga. No early birds, please.

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## HOUSES/APTS

**For rent:** Beautiful beach front apartment in Fuentebravia. Large terrace, living/dinning room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, American style kitchen. Wash machine; phone and satellite TV connetions, solar heat, underground garage. Long term rent. 110.000 pesetas/mo. Call Brigitte 956-851396 or Coco 956-480973.

**For rent:** Very sunny duplex in El Manantial. 2 floors, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large furnished kitchen, yard. 90.000 pesetas/mo. Call X1632 or 956-480189.

**For rent:** Great house in residential area in Puerto de Santa Maria, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large kitchen, large living/dinning room, yard and car port. 225.000 pesetas/mo. Call 956-850653

**For rent:** Duplex in Rota, garage. 70.000 pesetas. Call 956-814828.

**For rent:** Apartment with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room, furnished kitchen and balcony, terrazzo floors, master bedroom has its own bath. Close to the Rota Gate. Owner asking for 80.000-Ptas a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**For rent:** House in Las Redes, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living/dinning room, porch. Nice yard. Car park. 175.000 pesetas/mo. Call 670-795032.

**For rent:** House in Cuatro Pinos; safe, quiet neighborhood. 4 bedrooms with closets, 2 full baths, large living-dining room with fireplace, porch, large yard with gardener. 100.000 pesetas/month, community fees included. Commission free. English spoken. Call Eloy at 956-540044 or 689-190243.

**For Rent:** Furnished apartment with swimming pool and gardens, 3 bedrooms, baths, living room with balcony, and large kitchen and closed-in patio, new furniture!. Ocean front.

Owner asking 80.000-Ptas. a month. Ideal for singles!! Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**For rent:** House between Vistahermosa and Las Redes, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, brand new kitchen, cute yard. 145.000 pesetas/month. Call 670-795032.

**For rent:** Furnished duplex in El Manantial, 3 bathrooms, 4 bedrooms, underground parking, central heating, large terrace, balcony. New construction. Owner asking 150.000-Ptas a month. Negotiable. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

**For rent:** Furnished house between Vistahermosa and Las Redes, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, living/dinning room, car port and small yard. 155.000 pesetas/month. Call 956-850653.

**Need a house?** Lot's of houses to rent; we'll find what you want. No rental fees, no language barrier. We rent, sell and build houses. American management. Your satisfaction is our best publicity. 956-543755 or 610-753503. Call us anytime.

**For rent:** Furnished apartment in Fuentebravia. Living/dinning room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, complete kitchen, satellite TV and phone connections, underground garage. Asking 325.000 pesetas in July and 425.000 pesetas in August. Call Brigita 956-851396 or Coco 956-480973.

**WE HAVE apartments to rent on a month to month basis** and in a wide range of monthly rents, sizes and locations. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

**For rent:** IN SANLUCAR, 15 minutes drive to Rota. Beautiful and sunny home on the beach. Awesome trees in the yard, 2 bedrooms, porch, furnished kitchen, bath, living room and visiting roof. Owner asking 60.000-Ptas a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

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Paid ads for commercial and non-commercial goods and services are available to non-TEI card holders as well as U.S. servicemembers and civilian employees. The civilian publisher of the Coastline, Karen Lucas, sets fees for classified ads. To place an ad, call 956-54-2997, 607-56-4132 or e-mail [COASTPUB@santandersupernet.com](mailto:COASTPUB@santandersupernet.com).

We reserve the right to edit or refuse any ad to meet NavSta Rota and Coastline policy. Goods and services offered must be available without regard to race, creed, religion or country of national origin.

**For rent:** Unfurnished 3 bedroom apartment 3 minutes from Rota Gate. New construction and never lived in, with parking space. Owner asking for 75,000 Ptas. a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**For sale:** Apartment with 4 bedrooms with closets, furnished kitchen, 2 baths, living and dining room, garage with laundry area and drive space. Near the beach and the center of the village. 17,000,000-Ptas. or approx. \$106,250. Financing available for up to 75% of the sale value. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

**For sale:** Apartment with 3 bedrooms, furnished kitchen, large terrace, 1 & 1/2 baths and parking space. Minutes to the beach and downtown. 12,000,000-Ptas. Or approx. \$76,470. Financing available for 75% of the appraised value available to American non-residents in Spain. Higher financing for Americans married to Spanish nationals or residents. CENTURY 21 at 956-84-6221.

**For sale:** New construction: apartments and duplexes with private and enclosed garages for sale on San Fernando Avenue. Flexible owner financing. Builder will facilitate down payment. Excellent price. Building time: 16 month. Financing available for up to 75% of the sale value. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

**For sale:** Furnished Chalet, two minutes to the beach and the camping. Large yard, living and dining room with fireplace, 2 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths, and furnished kitchen. 13,000,000-Ptas or approx. \$72,222. Financing available for 75% of the appraised value available to American non-residents in Spain. Higher financing for Americans married to Spanish nationals or residents. Call CENTURY 21 Agin at 956-84-6221.

### PETS

Labrador Retriever puppies, born 3 May, shots and dewormed. Call Sasha at 600231141.

Labrador Retriever puppies. Call Rafael 954152915.

**Volunteers needed** at Rota Animal Welfare League to walk dogs and to feed cats a few mornings per week. Stop by or call 4000.

### PRAYER

**Remember the old adage:** *A Seven days without prayer makes one weak!* the important thing is to pray daily. Yes, it is important to pray daily, but it is equally important to use prayers that suit you. The prayers I publish are just suggestions. Feel free to pick and choose or make up your own personal prayers. But **pray!** Our Lord frequently spent time in prayer. You and I should too, even if it is just for half a minute a day. *Arren - Jess López*

**H**ere's hoping everyone enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!

We have several new ads this week. One is for the **Bodega Flamenco** in Rota. Here you can organize private parties for up to 80 people. Although there is no set minimum number, a flamenco show can get expensive if there aren't many people to divide the cost. Lari, the manager, will help you select a menu and you can enjoy your meal and a flamenco show in a typical *bodega*. A neat idea for a going away party or for special visitors! Call Manolo at 655-935828 for more information. He speaks English. The *bodega* is open every evening from 9 p.m. for drinks and tapas. It is tucked away at the end of the street Mina Chica, next to the Club Siglo XXI.

Another new ad is for **Boga Ropa de Hogar**...literally "clothes for the home". Custom made curtains, bedspreads, pillows, cornice boards etc. Imma, the owner, will also make rugs to match curtains! New business, only been open for a month so there isn't a sign out just yet. Easy to get to and no problem parking. Go out the Rota gate, turn right, then turn left into the industrial area, then right again before the tourist office. It's directly in front of the cement factory. The building will say Santa Teresa. You can park just as you enter, or

drive around the building. Look for the curtains hanging. Note: you can bring your own fabric!!! Last, but not least, we have an ad for a new ocean side apartment complex in Rota - **La Ensenada**. If you are considering buying an apartment here, check out the ones advertised this week in the central pages. There isn't much beach front property left to build on and **La Ensenada** even has a view of the Bay of Cádiz.

These days I've been reading about the recently completed Oresund Bridge that joins Malmo, Sweden, and Copenhagen, Denmark, in both American and Spanish press. One thing the article I read in English didn't say and that may be of interest to you, is that the bridge was made right next door to us in Puerto Real. It was made here by the company Dragados, then ferried up to the Baltic Sea and assembled. I mentioned this a year or so ago, when I first read about it because it really caught my attention.

Gastronomic Days featuring La Dorada from Sevilla start tonight at the **Casino Bahía de Cádiz**. During July and August these special meals will only be served from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. During the month of July every Wednesday will be Caribbean Night in their night club and every Friday and Saturday night there will be live

music from the 60's in the Discotheque.

Last time I stopped by **Trinity School** in Puerto, Ian, the director was really beaming. He had just received the results of the Trinity College Oral Exams for his students. From 40 exams, they had a 100% pass rate. To pass is 65%, merit 75% and distinction 85%. They had 7 passes, 18 merits and 15 distinctions, which according to the examiner, were the best results for all of Spain this year and he has been doing the exams since early May. The Trinity College Oral Exams are for non-speakers of English. There are twelve levels from Initial to Advanced. The idea of the exams is to set realistic goals in the development of proficiency in both listening to and speaking English. The exams are given all over the world. All successful candidates receive a Trinity College Diploma. Congratulations to Ian and his teachers!

Let's hear from you! Share with other readers information about the surrounding area: your favorite spots and shops. Contact me at [COASTPUB@santandersupernet.com](mailto:COASTPUB@santandersupernet.com) or at [coastpub@retemail.es](mailto:coastpub@retemail.es), by fax at 956-542997 or by phone at 956-542997 or 607-564132.

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## Fourth of July Sports Events

### Softball Tournament

July 1 - July 2

1st Place	2BQ (combined team)
2nd Place	NMCB-ONE
3rd Place	NSGA A-Team
MVP	Tracy Bromel
Home Run Derby Winner	Travis Meyer

### 5K Run

July 3

1st place (male)	Freddie Avilia	21:25
1st Place (female)	Linda Armitage	21:58

### Golf Tournament

July 3

1st place team	Mark Cabrera Manny Saavedra Joe Mazzell Todd Strickler	Score: 58
2nd place team	Tom McGarry Glynn Rodgers Todd Chatterton Audi Beadle	Score: 60
Longest Drive	Manny Saavedra	
Closest to the pin	Joe Mazzell	



photo/courtesy All Star Champions

### National team wins All Star championships

The National Team is the 2000 Minor Little League All Star Champions. The game was played June 24 at the Youth Sports Complex, and the best players from the seven Minor League teams of the regular season were chosen to create the National and American All Star Teams. The National team won the All Star game 14-4 in six innings.

Pitchers, Chris Worth of the National team and Michael Washington of the American team dominated the first three innings with no runs being scored. It was in the forth inning that the excitement started to rise as batters started to get on base. After the game, team photos were taken and a few of the players from both teams went to Champions for a small celebration.

Need a sporting event advertised? Call the Rota Coastline to find out what we can do for you! Call 3786.

### Sports Tournaments for National Night Out

National Night Out 2000 is hosting a Softball Tournament July 21 - 23. There will be 15 teams, so register early. There will also be a 5K Run July 21. The deadline to register for both is July 18, and you can call SM2 Wright or Ashli at ext. 1573 to register.

### Davis Cup Tennis in Spain

The World Semi-Finals in Davis Cup Tennis competition will be held at the Real Sociedad de Tenis in Santander, Spain, July 21 - 23. Players anticipated to participate for the U.S. include Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras, with John McEnroe the Davis Cup team captain. If you are interested in attending, contact Matt Fernand at 914-697-2307 or by e-mail at [fernand@usta.com](mailto:fernand@usta.com), or call ITT at ext. 3101.

### Youth Basketball Begins

The youth basketball season is underway, and you can sign up for \$15 until Friday. Skills assessment were originally scheduled for June 24, but were postponed due a lack of registrants. The new skills assessment will be held Saturday. For times and more information, call MWR Youth Sports at ext. 2382.

### Command Fitness Leaders Training Course

There will be a new Command Fitness Leaders training course in Naples September 11-14. Please submit a list of person(s) that each command or department is sponsoring for this trip to the Fitness Center. Call Stephanie Whipple at ext. 2563 for more info.

### Golf Tournament

The British Open 'Pick-A-Pro' golf tournament is being held July 22 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The format will be 18 hole individual stroke play with handicap, and the player's score will be added to a golf pro's score playing in the British Open. The cost is \$20 for Rota Golf Association members and \$25 for non-members. Call ext. 2260 for more information.

### Sports Officials Needed

If you are interested in officiating youth sports, call Bridgette at ext. 2382.

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### Rota Swim Club Open House

The Rota Swim Club "Los Tiburones" is holding an Open House on Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Housing Pool. Come help the team start a new season.

The coaches will introduce current club members as they demonstrate the different strokes in competitive swimming. This is a great opportunity to introduce young swimmers to the enjoyment of competitive swimming.

The club is open to all dependent children ages 6 - 18. Students enrolled in DGF High School are eligible to earn Varsity/JV letters.

The Tiburones finished a strong 5<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams in the Championships held at the Olympic Swimming Pool in Munich, Germany. Come join the club for the 2000-2001 season.

For more information on the Los Tiburones visit the web page at <http://www.sites.netscape.net/rotaswim>.

### Triathlon

Get ready for Triathlon 2000. The Captain's Cup event will happen July 29 at 8 a.m. Call ext. 2563 for more information.

## The missed shot heard all around Spain

Spain had a quick exit from the Euro Cup this year. Like always, they promised so much during the qualifying rounds only to come up short when it's time to put up or shut up.

The worst part of it was that Spain's Golden Child Raul had the honors of being the one that single-footedly eliminated Spain from this competition. The very same Raul who, just days earlier, signed a contract extension that ups his pay to 1,000,000,000 pesetas a year. When you break it down it's a mere 26,315,789 pesetas a week to try to get by on during soccer season. I'm sure he will have to make some sacrifices to survive on this salary.

Anyone who follows Spanish soccer knows that Raul, a player from Real Madrid, has been treated like the Second Coming of Pele. While many Real Madrid fans won't admit that he can walk on water, they will hint that he can sure part it down the middle. Spain, in their never ending search for a hero, have been hawking Raul down the throats of the soccer world for some time now.

So when Raul missed a penalty shot at the end of the quarterfinal match against France, everyone was quick to perform damage control on their superstar. They would have been more successful trying to get John Rocker elected mayor of New York.

Had anyone else shot and

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missed that penalty kick, they would have had to change their name and spend the rest of their life selling Amway in some suburb of Guadalajara. The press would have portrayed them as the anti-Christ in person. The country would have had a public lynching crew waiting for him at the airport in Madrid. To put it simply, it wouldn't have been pretty.

For those who don't know much about soccer, let me explain first a penalty kick. It's a kick where the ball is placed in front of the goal and only the goalkeeper can stop it. So, it is basically the closest to one on one that you will find.

Now, there are three things that can happen. Most often the ball goes in since most players know how to fool goalkeepers. Some times the goalkeeper isn't fooled and stops the ball.

Then there are those rare Raul moments when the goalkeeper could have just as well been getting a beer from the concession stand since the ball is kicked in such a way that it completely

misses the goal, the stands and the stadium.

So why does golden boy get off so easy? It is because Spain needs to have a figure to endorse to the soccer world. Germany has so many superstars. England has Posh Spice's husband, France has Zidane. Italy has Del Piero, and even Portugal has Figo. So Spain needed someone to include in this exclusive list.

Why Raul? He's young, attractive and charming. This is good for marketing purposes. It doesn't mean a hill of beans in playing soccer. So a marketing committee must have been formed to highlight to no end his every goal and quickly leave the blunders on the editor's floor.

For now, this has worked and everyone is happy. But, as I always say, reality can be as cruel as a firm slap in the face.

What really made this story go sour was that less than twenty four hours after his biggest goof to date, he goes on national television and laughs about the situation. "I'm sure that I will miss many more penalty shots in my career," he sneered to the cameras as the nation was ready to forgive their tarnished hero. Horsefeathers I say. Here is the highest paid soccer player in Spain and he's already

telling the people that he will be doing more gaffes in the future. How about a little practice and hard work to try to correct this problem? Take a little time off from the high society life to learn to refine the skills you are getting paid for.

To be fair though, Raul had a partner in crime in Spain's quick departure. In the first match, the goalkeeper was Molina, a man who saved many goals during that match, but unfortunately, let one get through. Sr. Camacho turned to his bench and called up Canizares. Canizares allowed 3 goals out of three shots to the goal by the Yugoslavia team. Big improvement. Fortunately, in that game, the offense was able to make a comeback victory in the last moment. Also, it was a sign of things to come as Raul had four easy opportunities to score and missed the ball each time.

So, in the game against France, the French shot four times at the goal. Two of them went in. And all the time, at the end of the bench, sat a true golden boy whose image has just not been formulated yet. There sat a young man by the name of Castillas. The man who can be credited for turning Real Madrid's season around and was the main factor for their success this year. The only thing he could do was watch as his team was eliminated. Sometimes, being a superstar doesn't mean you'll be successful.

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